



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2021-0083; NIOSH 278]

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH)

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of meeting and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following virtual meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH).

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 5, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., EDT.

Written comments are due by September 28, 2021.

ADDRESSES: This is a virtual meeting. You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2021-0083; NIOSH-278 by mail. CDC does not accept comments by email.

- Federal eRulemaking Portal:
<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Mail: Docket number CDC-2021-0083; NIOSH-278, c/o Sherri Diana, NIOSH Docket Office, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Agency name and Docket Number. Written public comments received by September 28, 2021 will be provided to the BSC prior to the meeting. Docket number CDC-2021-0083; NIOSH-278 will close September 28, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Emily J.K. Novicki, M.A., M.P.H., Executive Secretary, BSC, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, MS V24-4, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027, Telephone (404) 498-2581, or email at enovicki@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

PURPOSE: The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and by delegation the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are authorized under Sections 301 and 308 of the Public Health Service Act to conduct directly or by grants or contracts, research, experiments, and demonstrations relating to occupational safety and health and to mine health. The Board of Scientific Counselors provides guidance to the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health on research and prevention programs. Specifically, the Board provides guidance on the Institute's research activities related to developing and evaluating hypotheses, systematically documenting findings and disseminating results. The Board evaluates the degree to which the activities of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: (1) conform to appropriate scientific standards, (2) address current, relevant

needs, and (3) produce intended results.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda for the meeting addresses progress on the NIOSH Evaluation Capacity Building Plan; mental health initiative for health workers; and National Firefighter Registry. An agenda is also posted on the NIOSH website (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/bsc/>). Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Meeting Information: It is open to the public, limited only by web conference lines (500 web conference lines are available). Register at the NIOSH website <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/bsc/> or call (404-498-2581) no later than September 28, 2021. Time will be available for public comment.

Public Participation

Comments received are part of the public record and are subject to public disclosure. Do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure. If you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be on public display. CDC will review all submissions and may choose to redact, or withhold, submissions containing private or proprietary information such as Social Security numbers, medical information, inappropriate language, or duplicate/near duplicate examples of a mass-mail campaign. CDC will carefully consider all comments submitted into the docket. CDC does not accept comment by email.

Oral Public Comment: The public is welcome to participate during the public comment period, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., EDT, September 28, 2021. Please note that the public comment period ends at the time indicated above. Each commenter will be provided up to five minutes for comment. A limited number of time slots are available and will be assigned on a first come-first served basis. Members of the public who wish to address the NIOSH BSC are requested to contact the Executive Secretary for scheduling purposes (see FOR FUTURE INFORMATION above).

Written Public Comment: Written comments will also be accepted from those unable to attend the public session per the instructions provided in the address section above. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. Written comments received by September 28, 2021 will be provided to the BSC prior to the meeting.

The Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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